

## **Candidates Answers to Question #2:**

*What is your position on the Library Project, are you for or against the current course that the City has taken or not. Do you favor two libraries or one new library?*

### **Sue Beckmeyer:**

I think a new library will be a tremendous resource that will serve the citizens of Pacifica for decades to come. However, it can exist only if funding can be obtained to build it. With the City's current list of significant capital and infrastructure needs, it is not realistic to assume the new library will be funded other than through general obligation bonds approved by the voters. To obtain the required 66.7% approval, I believe the library project must meet the community's desire for a new, centrally located library building, and maintain a smaller, satellite library in the south end of town. I am encouraged by the work of the Library Advisory Committee, City staff, and the San Mateo County Library to find a staffing model that allows library services to be maintained at the Sanchez Library.

### **Mary Bier:**

I was in favor of the defeated ballot measure for a new library. Since the vote I feel that the Library Advisory Committee has worked tirelessly to create a new vision for both the Sanchez and Sharp Park Library. I will support the work of the Library Advisory Committee.

### **Bridget Duffy:**

I am a user of the library, and I know many other users of the library here in town, and I have not met one single person who is unhappy with our current libraries, or excited about getting a new one.

The people have clearly stated through elections and signature gathering campaigns that they aren't that interested.

It concerns me deeply that despite this obvious lack of public support that there are still plans to tear down existing libraries to make way for new ones.

The idea for a new library was birthed in the 90's when it was probably a great idea, but I am afraid that in 2018 investing any time money or effort into new libraries seems ludicrous. I know there is grant money available for the libraries; I think it should go into the existing libraries for improvements.

The Oceanic Discovery Center, on the other hand, I have had nothing but pure excitement from people when I tell them about it.

### **Vickie Flores:**

1. I am for the current course that the city has taken in lieu of the most recent proposal that was narrowly voted down. Upgrading one of the Libraries we have is better than doing nothing. I would prefer a brand-new library.

2. I do favor two libraries. The landscape of the city will make it difficult for everyone to enjoy just one equally. If we can improve our revenue stream, then we could also look at upgrading or replacing the second library with a new one.

**John Keener – Incumbent:**

I'm for it, both the location, and the two-library concept. Pacifica needs to keep a library at Sanchez (of some description) or a library bond issue won't pass, in my view proposal will be evaluated like all the others, on the basis of how much money they will generate.

**Mike O'Neill – Incumbent:**

The voters have spoken and seem to favor a two Library model.

The challenge will be in developing a service model that maximizes the Library services that we now do not receive due to physical limitations of our existing libraries. We shall see what is developed to serve the community.

**Adonica Shaw-Porter:**

I'm in favor of one new library, and perhaps a satellite library (that could be volunteer run) near city hall for seniors.